



Home Fire and Life Safety Inspection Checklist

Cooking Safety



- The cooking area, including on top of the stove and in the oven, is free from all items that can burn.
- Pots on the stove are not left unattended while cooking, remember “Keep an Eye on What You Fry.”
- The oven is never used to heat the home.
- Cooking vents are cleaned per manufacturer’s directions.
- Have a 3’- 4’ “Kid-Free Zone” from your cooking area.

Smoking



- House rules include not smoking in bed or while lying down.
- Ashtrays are large, deep and kept away from any items that can burn.
- All smoking materials are extinguished properly
- All matches and lighters kept out of children’s reach.

Heating



- All portable space heaters are placed at least three feet from furniture, walls or bedding.
- Portable space heaters are plugged directly into wall outlets and turned off when you leave the room.
- Baseboard heaters do not touch any furniture, curtains or other items stored on the floor.
- Every fireplace is equipped with a sturdy metal screen or glass doors.
- Chimneys and heating systems are inspected, cleaned and repaired annually prior to the heating season.
- The area around the furnace is clear of all items that can burn.

Electrical & Appliances



- Extension cords are not used as permanent wiring. Temporary ONLY!
- Extension cords used are not tacked to walls, run under rugs, or through doorways.
- Safety covers are present on all outlets if small children are present.
- Appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets.

Around the Home



- Ashes from fireplaces and barbeques are only disposed of in metal containers.
- Candles are placed in sturdy holders away from children, pets or things that can burn.
- Candles are extinguished before leaving the room or going to bed.
- Remove lint from your dryer lint trap after every use, and dryer vent hose cleaned out annually.
- Remove any clutter that may be blocking any exits.



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Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide Alarms



- Smoke alarms are installed on every level of the home and in every bedroom.
- Smoke alarms are tested monthly and cleaned regularly per manufacturer's recommendations.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are located on every level of the home.
- Alarm batteries are changed twice a year, unless equipped with a 10-year lithium battery.
- All alarms are less than 10 years old, and replace any older than 10 years.

Fire Extinguisher



- Fire extinguishers are considered for use by adults on small fires after calling 9-1-1.
- Do not attempt to use a fire extinguisher if the fire is large and spreading.
- You should only use a fire extinguisher when the fire is small and not spreading.
- Keep your fire extinguishers in a safe, accessible location.

Escape Plan



- Have an escape plan with at least two ways out of every room and an outside family safe meeting place.
- Regularly practice your escape plan by having fire drills with everyone in your home, day and night.
- Stay low in case of smoke.
- Call 9-1-1 once you are safely at your family's safe meeting place.

Exterior



- Your house numbers are clearly visible from the street.
- Keep 3-foot clear space maintained around any nearby fire hydrants and fire department connections.
- Charcoal and gas grills are only used outdoors and at least 15 feet from the home, deck or garage.
- Properly store any fuel or flammable liquids in your garage.
- Keep firewood away from home exterior walls.
- Pick up and dispose of any dried grass cuttings, leaves, and tree trimmings from your property.



For any questions or more information , please contact

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